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What Is Claimed Is:

1. A message handling process, including:
determining if a message is approved for the recipient of the message;
5 processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the message is
approved; and
notifying the recipient and storing the message if the message is unapproved.
2. A method as claimed in claim 1, including, following the notifying step, allowing the
10 recipient to view an unapproved message.
3. A method as claimed in claim 2, including notifying the recipient with a notification
message having a link to network data representing a list of unapproved messages for the
recipient.
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4. A method as claimed in claim 3, wherein the network data comprises markup language
data accessible by a computer device of the recipient.
5. A method as claimed in claim 1, including allowing the recipient to set criteria to
20 determine if the message is approved.
6. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the criteria includes a sender of the message
being on a stored approved list for the recipient.
- 25 7. A method as claimed in claim 6, including allowing the recipient to change the criteria.
8. A method as claimed in claim 1, including deleting an unapproved message a
predetermined period of time after the notifying step.

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9. A method as claimed in claim 8, including notifying a sender of the unapproved message of deletion of the unapproved message.
10. A method as claimed in claim 5, wherein the messages and the criteria are stored on
5 an electronic message server.
11. A message processing system, including:
means for determining if a message is approved for the recipient of the message;
means for processing the message for subsequent viewing by the recipient if the
10 message is approved; and
means for notifying the recipient and storing the message if the message is unapproved.
12. A message processing system, including:
an electronic message server for receiving and storing electronic messages for a
15 recipient; and
an electronic message manager for processing electronic messages for a recipient to
determine if the electronic messages are approved based on stored criteria, sending approved
electronic messages for the recipient to a location for access by the recipient, and storing and
sending a notification to the recipient of unapproved messages.
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13. A message processing system as claimed in claim 12, further including an access server
for generating a display page with a list of unapproved messages, the notification comprising
an electronic message with a link to the display page.
- 25 14. A message processing system as claimed in claim 13, wherein the list of unapproved
messages includes links to the unapproved messages respectively and which on selection
causes transmission of an unapproved message to a recipient's computer device for viewing
by the recipient.

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15. A message processing system as claimed in claim 14, wherein the criteria includes the sender of a message being on an approved list for the recipient stored on the system.
16. A message processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the display page
5 includes a link to at least one display page for displaying and changing the criteria.
17. A message processing system as claimed in claim 15, wherein the display page includes a link for changing the criteria.
- 10 18. A message manager stored on a computer readable storage medium having code for executing the steps of the method as claimed in any one of claims 1 to 10.

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